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Application No.:	NOT YET ASSIGNED	Examiner:	NOT YET ASSIGNED
Filing Date:	CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH		
Title:	V-BELT DRIVEN VACUUM CLEANER BRUSHROLL		


**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
PO BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant's attorney respectfully petitions to make special on the ground that the first named inventor, Alfred H. Stegens, is over 65 years of age. A declaration of Alfred H. Stegens verifying his age is attached. According to §708.02 of the MPEP, we have met the requirements for special status based on age and no petition fee is required. If we are in error, please charge any fee due to our deposit account number 16-0820.

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In re the  
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Application No.: 10/671,761

Filing Date: SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

Title: V-BELT DRIVEN VACUUM  
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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The above-identified patent application was filed on September 25, 2003 and included a Petition to Make Special and an accompanying Declaration of Alfred H. Stegens on the ground that the first named inventor, Alfred H. Stegens, is over 65 years of age. According to MPEP 708.01(c) and 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), a Petition to Make Special based on an applicant's age or health may be filed without a fee. Our Deposit Account 16-0820 was charged on January 14, 2004 in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee.

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Since no petition fee is required, applicant's attorney requests a refund for \$130.00 for the  
petition fee to be credited to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820. Copies of all pertinent  
documents are enclosed for your convenience.

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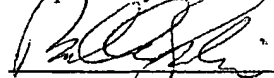
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DECLARATION OF ALFRED H. STEGENS

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Now comes Alfred H. Stegens and declares that he is over 65 years of age and all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent resulting therefrom.

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Date

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